(c) During the period April, 86—February, 37, the actual generation was 98. 5 per cent of the programme. The shortfall was mainly due to less hydro generation on account of low reservoir levels.

Renovation programme for thermal power sector

1330. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Central renovation and modernisation programme in the Thermal Power Sector in the country was launched about two years back;

(b) if so how many thermal power units are covered under the programme, the period by which it is scheduled to be completed and the estimated amount spent so far on their renovation/modernisation as against the allocation;

(c) whether the implementation of the programme is considered to be satisfactory; if not, which of the State Governments are lagging behind and what are the reasons for the unsatisfactory progress stating the likely escalation in the cost and due to sluggish progress in the implementation of programme; and

(d) th$_e$ measures contemplated by Government to accelerate the progress of renovation /modernisation of thermal power plants in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN **THE** MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The programme was started in 1984-85.

(b) the programme covers 32 thermal stations under the Centrally sponsored scheme and its expected completion schedule wa$_s$ 3-4 years. An expenditure of about Rs. 308 crores has been incurred upto Feb., 1987 against the total estimated cost of Rs. 924 crores, both under the Central loan assistance and State Plan activities.

(c) Implementation of the programme by some States like West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh is rather slow due to delays in finalisation of offers an placement of supply orders and delays in actual execution of various activities. The extent of escalation in cost will be known after the programme is completed.

(d) To expedite the programme guidelines have been given to the State Governments and State Electricity Boards who have *inter-alia* set up Task Forces and constituted implementation Cells at the power stations. The progress is also reviewed from time to time.

गौतमपुरी में सड़कों पर रोशनी की व्यवस्था

1331. श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :
कु० सुशीला तिरिया :

क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली की यमुनापार कालोनी, गौतमपुरी में सड़कों पर रोशनी की व्यवस्था न होने के कारण वहां के निवासियों को असुविधा हो रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है और स्थिति में सुधार के लिये निकट भविष्य में क्या व्यवस्था किये जाने की संभावना है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में विद्युत विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती सुशीला रोहतगी) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Utilisation in Engineering Industry

1332. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for poor capacity utilisation in the Engineering Industry; and